THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir. Most of the rain clouds that occur over Saurashtra and Kutch are due to large scale atmospheric systems that affect other parts of the country as well.

(b) A total of 4224 million K. Cal of heat is being generated daily from gas flaring in the Ankleshwar and Gandhar fields of ONGC which may be considered as part of the coastal area. From the ONGC's fields in North Gujarat namely, Mehsana and Ahmedabad, a total quantity of 5017 million K. Cal. of heat is being generated daily due to flaring of gas. ONGC have no oil field in the coastal area of Kutch & Saurashtra.

(c) No Sir. Analysis of monsoon rainfall over Saurashtra & Kutch indicates that the falure of monsoon over this region is not an independent phenomenon but is generally associated with the performance of the monsoon over several other parts of the country.

(d) In view of (c) above the question does not arise.

Indians possessing African Citizenship

1054. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of Indians possessing citizenship of Africa and other countries particularly Uganda are deprived of citizenship and are now they living as stateless persons in India; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to give citizenship to these stateless Indians; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether those stateless citizens who came from Uganda and have applied for Indian ctizenship prior to due date of 1986 are eligible to acquire a citizenship; if so, what are the conditions for the same; and

(d) whether the Five years stay in India is also compulsory condition for those who have applied prior to the due date in 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Thousands of non-citizens of Indian origin were expelled by Idi Amin in 1972. Besides a number of Ugandan citizens of Indian origin were deprived of their citizenship and rendered stateless Most of these stateless persons were accepted for entry by a number of countries in Western Europe. Some of the stateless persons also came to India.

(b) to (d) Persons of Indian origin who came from Uganda are eligible for grant of Indian citizenship by registration under Section 5(1)(a) of the Citizenship Act provided they fulfil the statutory requirements. The Citizenship Act, 1955 was recently amended and the amended provisions came into force with effect from 1st July, 1987.

Those applicants whose requests for the grant of Indian citizenship which have not been considered upto 30th June, 1987 are governed by the new provisions of the Act.

Prime Minister's proposed visit to China

1055. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Prime Minister is likely to visit Cina.

(b) whether relation with China are getting normalised and improving for better, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how many Chinese delegations visited India during the last one year and how many Indian delegations

went to China and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Although the Prime Minister has been invited to visit China, and the invitation has been accepted in principal no dates have been fixed as yet.

(b) There has been an improvement in bilateral relations with China in the areas of culture, science and technology and trade since the official level dialogue between India and China began in 1981. Both India and China have stressed the need to maintain peace and tranquility on the border.

(c) 27 Chinese delegations visited India and 26 Indian delegations visited China during the period January 1987 to the present. These visits covered the following fields: Official-level discussions on bilateral relations, trade, textile, machinery, housing construction, radio and television, telecommunications high earth rock dams, laser technology, plasma physics, instrumentation, education, wasteland development mineral resources, publishing, electronics, agricultural development, the performing arts, adult and non formal education, childhood disability programmes and religion and philosophy.

Indo-US relations

1056. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-U.S. relations of late show signs of deterioration; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

XMP-14 Super Computer

1057. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the XMP-14 Super Computer has since been made available with India and installed;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are certain conditions attached with the sale of it by U.S.A.; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Commercial negotiations with the manufacturer are taking place.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) These conditions relate essentially to the security and end-use of the Super Computer.

Broadcast of "Panorama" by B.B.C.

1058. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that B.B.C. London has recently broadcast a programme 'Panorama' in which the activities of extremists in Punjab were represented to defame this country; and

(b) whether the Indian High Commissioner has lodged a protest with the B.B.C. authorities for the BBC's concocted stories about Punjab and whether the B.B.C. is eulogising the terrorists subversive activities in London?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The "Panorama" programme telecast on 18th January was a deliberately biased portrayal